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### **ABIGAIL E. TORREY HOOD.**

1833—1918.

Entered tranquilly into rest at the family residence, 321 East Union Avenue, Litchfield, Ill., at 4:38 p. m. Monday, March 18th, Mrs. H. H. Hood, widow of the late Dr. H. H. Hood, who passed away in 1903.

Abigail E. Torrey was born at Millbury, Massachusetts, in 1833, and at the age of 4 years came with her parents, Joseph and Abigail Sibley Torrey, to Springfield, Illinois, where she grew to womanhood.

In 1855 she was married to Sylvester Paden, a merchant of Springfield, and afterwards removed with him to Litchfield, where he died in 1860. During the period of her widowhood she taught school in Springfield and later in Litchfield.

In 1869 she was married to Dr. H. H. Hood of Litchfield, where she has since resided. Of this union were born two children—Harold H. and Louise Abigail Hood-Rahmeyer, the latter of Tacoma, Washington.

In childhood she united with the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Illinois, the historic church of which Abraham Lincoln was a regular attendant. She was on terms of friendly intimacy at the Lincoln home and was one of the choral singers at the Lincoln obsequies.

For fifty years she has been a consistent member and most loyal supporter of the Presbyterian Church of Litchfield, but entertained the most liberal views of all other Christian denominations. Of strong religious convictions, great faith in prayer and unfaltering trust in her Savior, death held no terrors for her, but only meant placidly embarking upon "the most beautiful adventure of life," which would lead directly to the higher life beyond.

She was a member of the Springfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of the State Historical Society of Illinois, of the Woman's Club of Litchfield, of the

Happy Hour Circle, and of the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, and was prominent in the literary, social and religious life of the community.

A talented woman, of strong character, versatile gifts and amiable disposition, retaining her faculties and interest in current events to the end; patriotic, philanthropic, courteous, hospitable, and of unusually strong affections—but why enumerate!

“One word will tell you all that I would say—  
She was my mother; you will agree  
All the rest may be thrown away.”

She is survived by her children, Harold and Louise, and by three children of Dr. Hood by a former marriage, whom she loved as her own—George P. Hood of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Misses Fannie and Annie of Litchfield; also by a brother, Joseph S. Torrey of Taylorville, and by a host of relatives and friends.

The last rites were observed on Wednesday, March 20, at 2:30 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. H. Cramer, with Elmwood cemetery as the place of interment.